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SUBJECT: PORT VISIT TO MOCAMEDES OF USS JOSEPH HEWES AND USS
TRIPPE

REF: USS HEWES 160100 JAN 75

1. WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH THE PORT CAPTAIN IN MOCAMEDES AND HE IS
CONFIDENT THAT DOCKING AT THE ORE PIER, THE ONLY SUITABLE
REFUELLING SPOT IN MOCAMEDES, CAN BE ARRANGED FOR JANUARY 31.
WE WILL CONFIRM THIS WITH HIM ON JANUARY 23. IF AN ORE CARRIER IS
LOADING WHEN YOU ARRIVE, YOU WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL IT
FINISHES. CHANCES ARE GOOD YOU WILL NOT RUN INTO THIS PROBLEM.

2. WE WILL DO OUR UTMOST TO ASSIST WITH YOUR VISIT BUT A NEW
GOVERNMENT WILL BE SWORN IN IN LUANDA ON JANUARY 31 AND WE WILL
HAVE MANY VISITORS THE PRECEDING WEEK. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE
CAN SEND ONE LOCAL EMPLOYEE TO MOCAMEDES TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS
OF THE VISIT. TOTAL COST OF TRAVEL AND PER DIEM WILL BE ABOUT
\$250.00. COMCRUDESANT IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE FISCAL DATA.

3. THE SPECIFICATIONS SENT FOR NAVY DISTILLATE BY THE HEWES
172045Z DEC 74 HAVE CAUSED PROBLEMS FOR LOCAL SUPPLIERS ASKED TO
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BID ON THE CONTRACT. SPECIFICALLY THEY SAY THE VISCOSITY OF 10-14

SSU'S AT 100 DEGREES DOES NOT CORRESPOND WITH THE OTHER SPECIFICATION FOR NAVY DISTILLATE. PLEASE ADVISE. ALSO IN MOCAMEDES ONLY GAS OIL IS AVAILABLE. THIS WAS ADEQUATE FOR THE USS LAWRENCE AND THE USS ELMER MONTGOMERY DURING THEIR VISIT TO MOCAMEDES IN OCTOBER, 1974. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. DUE TO THE DISTANCE FROM LUANDA AND UNRELIABLE PLANE SCHEDULES WE RECOMMEND THAT NO MAIL BE SENT TO OR FROM THE SHIPS.

5. FOLLOWING IS IN REPLY TO MOCAMEDES LOGREQ:

A. BERTHING ARRANGED.

B. CALLS ON PORT CAPTAIN AND DISTRICT GOVERNOR WILL BE REQUIRED. UNIFORM WILL BE TROPICAL WHITES WITHOUT SWORD.

C. FRESH WATER HOOK-UPS ARE AVAILABLE AT PIER.

D. WE EXPECT NO PROBLEM WITH GRANTING LIBERTY IN MOCAMEDES. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT JANUARY 31 WILL BE A HOLIDAY AND THE OCCASION FOR CELEBRATING THE INSTALLATION OF A GOVERNMENT RUN BY THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. MONEY EXCHANGE WILL BE DONE VIA A LOCAL BANK AND AT THE BANK RATE, CURRENTLY ABOUT 25 ANGOLAN ESCUDOS TO US\$1.00. WE REGRET THAT NO EXCHANGE HOUSE EXIST IN MOCAMEDES AND WE, THEREFORE, ARE UNABLE TO OBTAIN THE SAME FAVORABLE RATE FOR YOU THAT WE COULD IN LUANDA.

E. CIVILIAN CLOTHES FOR LIBERTY.

F. CHANDLER WILL MEET SHIPS BUT WE STRONGLY URGE THAT YOU TELEGRAPH US YOUR REQUIREMENTS TO PERMIT HIM TO ARRANGE THEM IN ADVANCE.

G. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE A SEDAN AND A DRIVER.

H. THE ONLY WORTHWHILE LOCAL TOUR WOULD BE A DAWN CAMERA SAFARI INTO THE NEARBY DESERT TO SEE GAME. COST WOULD BE ABOUT \$15.00 PER PERSON. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED PLEASE ADVISE US THE NUMBER AND WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE TRAVEL AGENT.

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I. ONE OR TWO SHORE PATROL PERSONNEL WILL BE REQUIRED PER SHIP.

J. GARBAGE WILL BE ARRANGED BY THE PORT CAPTAIN.

K. NO UNPUBLISHED NAVIGATIONAL HAZARDS.

L. IT IS USUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO GET ANY BILLS TO YOU BEFORE

DEPARTURE. WE WILL GIVE YOU ESTIMATES AND SEND THE BILLS LATER.

M. ONE TELEPHONE CAN BE ARRANGED.

N. FUEL HOOK-UPS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ORE DOCK AND REFUELING
CAN BEGIN IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE
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